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Note on ORE 33-50

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This paper was the subject of a discussion, in the light of my note of yesterday, from 1640 to 1700 last night. [REDACTED] were present.

The ~~general~~ conclusion of these gentlemen was that this was proper to be brought out as a coordinated estimate of the Berlin rally situation. They accepted, however, my points that:

- (a) paper might be improved through editorial reorganization, as indicated in my earlier note;
- (b) consequences might be more strongly highlighted.
- (c) Some of the tactical detail might be eliminated from the sketch of estimated developments.

I was given to understand that the OIR contribution was exceedingly slight (1½ pages) and somewhat lightweight, and was substantially included; and that the D/EE contribution was included to Aderholt's satisfaction.

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This does not meet⁴ the terms of reference we discussed at the meeting on 5 May. It fails in some places to rise above the level of the tactical (which, by common agreement, concerns us not). It is not so organized as to bring out the strategic picture, in terms of consequences set in the context of Soviet intentions and the total economic and political situation in Berlin.

While I do not generally presume to indicate specific outlines which should be followed in preparing estimates, something on this order would have seemed more appropriate:

I. Soviet intentions

II. Likely developments (briefly stated)

III. Probable consequences

Extent to which Soviet intentions will be realized

Immediate political and economic consequences in

East and West Berlin and in East and West Germany

More remote repercussions

The matter which was to have been added as a consequence of OIR contribution seems to have been dragged in, at least in some instances (e.g., bottom of p.1, middle of page 3), and the same appears to be the case with D/EE contributions to a lesser extent.

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